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REF: A. STATE 80590 AND B. COBB/BEAL TELCON APRIL 15

SUMMARY: EMBASSY INFORMED GOA OF US POSITION ON FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS. FONOFF, AFTER CONSULTATION, AGREED THAT GOA PREPARED APPROVE CONTINUATION PAN AM FIFTH FREQUENCY TO MONTEVIDEO AND CHANGE OF GAUGE AT CARACAS IF US AGREED TO FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS COMMENCING TIME FRAME SECOND HALF OF MAY. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS RE SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. AS FIRST STEP IN INFORMING GOA OF US POSITION (REFTEL A) ECON COUNS ADVISED FONOFF (RINALDINI) ON APRIL 14. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION RINALDINI ASSURED ECON COUNS GOA CONTINUED TO WANT AN AGREEMENT OR UNDERSTANDING WITH US AND THAT GOA WISHED TO RESUME FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS. ELABORATING ON A THEME HE HAD MENTIONED EARLIER, RINALDINI EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE PRIDE IN HIS OWN ACHIEVEMENTS IN HELPING PAVE THE WAY FOR SUCCESSFUL US/GOA NEGOTIATIONS. STRESSING THAT WE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO MOVE FORWARD PROMPTLY, HE SAID HE HAD GONE TO GREAT EFFORT TO CONVINCE GOA AGENCIES THAT IT NOT NECESSARY FOR ALL ELEMENTS IN AN AGREEMENT TO BE IN BALANCE PROVIDED THE AGREEMENT AS A WHOLE OFFERED SIMILAR RECIPROCAL OPPORTUNITIES. THAT IS, HE COULD NOW GET GOA TO FORMALLY AGREE TO MORE FREQUENCIES FOR US CARRIERS, PROVIDING HE COULD POINT TO SOME-

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THING FOR AEROLINEAS, FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE ROUTE DESCRIPTION,

WHICH WOULD BALANCE THIS OUT.

2. REFERRING AGAIN TO US POSITION, RINALDINI SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT, BUT WAS REASONABLY CERTAIN GOA COULD WORK OUT WAY UNDER WHICH PAN AM WOULD BE AUTHTRIZED TO FLY FIFTH EXTENSION TO MONTEVIDEO AND CONTINUE CHANGE OF GAUGE AT CARACAS UNTIL FORMAL TALKS BEGAN AND DURING TALKS. GOA VIEW AS REPORTED EARLIER, WAS THAT THESE PROBLEMS WOULD BE RESOLVED DURING FORMAL TALKS. HOWEVER, GOA WISHED TO HAVE A MORE DEFINITE UNDERSTANDING AS TO WHEN TALKS WOULD BEGIN BEFORE AUTHORIZING PAN AM TO CONTINUE. GOA DELEGATION COULD BE READY DURING SECOND HALF OF MAY; WOULD THE US BE ABLE TO MEET AT THAT TIME? ECON COUNS SAID US WISHED TO HAVE TALKS IN WASHINGTON. RINALDINI SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO DISCUSS THIS WITH OTHER INTERESTED AGENCIES, AND DID NOT PRECLUDE GOA AGREEMENT ON WASHINGTON. HOWEVER, GOA HAD ANTICIPATED THAT SINCE LAST ROUND WAS IN WASHINGTON, NEXT SESSION WOULD BE IN BUENOS AIRES.

4. ON QUESTION OF NOTE INVITING FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS, RINALDINI POINTED OUT THAT LAST FORMAL COMMUNICATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS HAD BEEN FONOFF NOTE NO. 221 OF JAN. 31, 1975 IN WHICH FONOFF WELCOMED SUGGESTION FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS LEADING TO RENEWAL OF THE FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS SUSPENDED IN WASHINGTON IN FEBRUARY, 1974. HE WOULD CONSULT AS TO WHETHER GOA WOULD SEND NOTE, BUT OBSERVED THAT IF US WISHES TO PROPOSE WASHINGTON AGAIN AS SITE IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE FOR US TO SEND NOTE.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY SUGGESTS IT MIGHT BE TO US ADVANTAGE TO SEND NOTE. WE COULD THEN INCLUDE LANGUAGE TO EFFECT THAT WE ARE PROPOSING TO RENEW FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT PAN AM WILL BE ALLOWED CONTINUE FIFTH MONTEVIDEO EXTENSION AND CHANGE OF GAUGE AT CARACAS BEFORE AND DURING PERIOD OF NEGOTIATIONS. EMBASSY WOULD MAKE SURE FONOFF UNDERSTANDS THIS MUST BE ACKNOWLEDGED IN THEIR REPLY IN ORDER CLEAR WAY FOR FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS.

6. ON APRIL 15, RINALDINI TELEPHONED EMBASSY TO CONFIRM GOA WAS AGREEABLE TO PERMIT PAN AM'S FIFTH FREQUENCY MONTEVIDEO AND CHANGE OF GAUGE AT CARACAS IF US WOULD BE READY FOR FORMAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEGOTIATIONS AROUND END OF MAY. DEPT. (OA/AN) INFORMED BY TELCON (REF B) SINCE EXPRATION OF PAN AM'S AUTHORITY FOR CHANGE OF GAUGE AT CARACAS WAS ON APRIL 17.

7. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS RE DEVELOPMENTS ON APRIL 18.
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